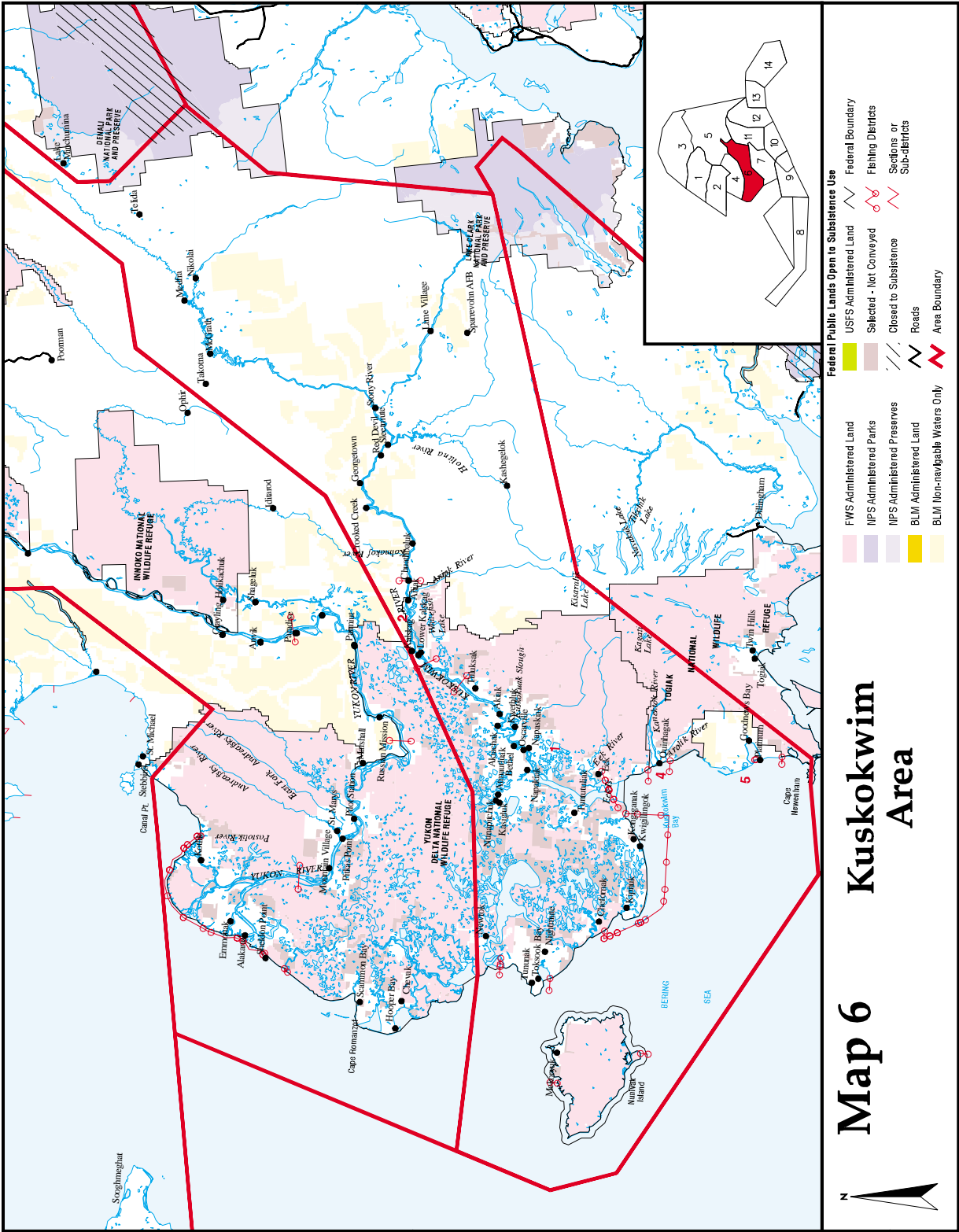


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*The Kuskokwim Federal subsistence fishery area includes all waters of Alaska between the latitude of the westernmost point of the Naskonat Peninsula and the latitude of the southernmost tip of Cape Newenham, including the waters of Alaska surrounding Nunivak and St. Matthew Islands and those waters draining into the Bering Sea. [See map on page 18.]*

## Customary and Traditional Use Determinations:

Kuskokwim Area. Residents of the Kuskokwim Area, except those persons residing on the United States military installation located on Cape Newenham, Sparrevohn AFB, and Tatalina AFB may take **salmon** and **all other fish** species, except herring, for customary and traditional uses.

Residents of the communities of Quinhagak, Goodnews Bay, Kwethluk, Eek, Akiachak, Akiak, and Platinum may take **rainbow trout** for customary and traditional uses.

Residents of the communities of Chevak, Newtok, Tununak, Toksook Bay, Nightmute, Chefornek, Kipnuk, Mekoryuk, Kwigillingok, Kongiganak, Eek, and Tuntutuliak may take **pacific cod** for customary and traditional uses.

Nunivak Island Area. Residents of Nunivak Island, and those within 20 miles of the mainland coast between the westernmost tip of the Naskonat Peninsula and the terminus of the Ishowik River, may take **herring** and **herring roe** for customary and traditional uses.

## Special Provisions:

NO SUBSISTENCE FISHING PERMIT REQUIRED. You can take **fish** at any time without a subsistence fishing permit, unless restricted in the following regulations.

## Regulations:

You may take **salmon** only by gillnet, beach seine, fishwheel, or rod and reel, subject to the restrictions in these regulations. You may take salmon by spear in the Holitna, Kanektok, and Arolik River drainages, and in the drainage of Goodnews Bay.

You may take **fish species** other than salmon by set gillnet, drift gillnet, beach seine, fishwheel, pot, long line, fyke net, dip net, jigging gear, spear, lead, or rod and reel.

You may take **halibut** only by a single hand-held line with no more than two hooks attached to it.

You may take **rainbow trout** only by gillnets (except March 15-June 15), rod and reel, or jigging through the ice, and only if you are a resident of Goodnews Bay,

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## Regulations (continued):

Platinum, Quinhagak, Eek, Kwethluk, Akiachak, and Akiak. If you take rainbow trout in other subsistence net fisheries and through the ice, you may retain them for subsistence purposes.

### Gillnet Restrictions:

The maximum depth of gillnets is as follows:

- Six-inch or smaller mesh = not more than 45 meshes in depth
- Over six-inch mesh = not more than 35 meshes in depth

When subsistence fishing for **salmon**, you may not use an aggregate length of set gillnets or drift gillnets in excess of 50 fathoms.

Tributaries of the Kuskokwim River. You must attach each subsistence gillnet to the bank and fish the net substantially perpendicular to the bank and in a straight line.

That portion of the Kuskokwim River drainage from the north end of Eek Island upstream to the mouth of the Kolmakoff River, you may not set or operate any part of a set gillnet within 150 feet of any part of another set gillnet.

Whitefish Lake (Ophir Creek drainage). You may not subsistence set and drift gillnets longer than 15 fathoms in length, nor operate more than one subsistence set or drift gillnet at a time. You must check the net at least once every 24 hours.

### Fishing Periods:

During open commercial salmon fishing periods, you may not take **salmon** for subsistence uses as follows:

- District 1 and in those waters of the Kuskokwim River between Districts 1 and 2, excluding the Kuskokuak Slough, you may not take salmon for 16 hours before, during, and for six hours after each open commercial fishing period.
- Kuskokuak Slough: From June 1-July 31, you may not take salmon for 16 hours before and during each open commercial fishing period in the district.

In the following locations, you may not take subsistence fish by nets for 16 hours before, during, and six hours after each open commercial salmon fishing period:

- Districts 4, 5, and 2, including tributaries flowing into the Kuskokwim River in District 2, from June 1-September 8.
- Goodnews River east of a line between ADF&G regulatory markers placed near the mouth of the Ufigag River, and an ADF&G regulatory marker placed near the mouth of the Tunilik River.
- Kanektok River upstream of ADF&G regulatory markers placed near the mouth.
- Arolik River upstream of ADF&G regulatory markers placed near the mouth.